IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:10-HC-2073-D

| ROBERT PAUL BOYD, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | |
| v. |) | ORDER |
| WARDEN TRACY JOHNS, |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |

On April 30, 2010, Robert Paul Boyd ("Boyd" or "petitioner") filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus [D.E. 1] under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 ("section 2241") challenging his present confinement. Boyd is confined at the Medium Security Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina, pending commitment proceedings against him by the government under 18 U.S.C. § 4248 ("section 4248") in <u>United States v. Boyd</u>, No. 5:08-HC-2061-D (E.D.N.C.). The section 4248 action remains pending.

On December 6, 2010, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit held that a person against whom a commitment action under section 4248 has been initiated must exhaust all remedies within the section 4248 action prior to seeking a writ of habeas corpus under section 2241.

Timms v. Johns, 627 F.3d 525, 533 (4th Cir. 2010). Thus, the Fourth Circuit's decision in Timms controls the disposition of Boyd's petition for writ of habeas corpus.

Accordingly, the petition for writ of habeas corpus [D.E. 1] is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Respondent's motion to dismiss [D.E. 7] and motion to stay proceedings [D.E. 13]

are DENIED AS MOOT. The clerk is DIRECTED to close the case.

SO ORDERED. This $\underline{1}$ day of February 2011.

JAMES C. DEVER III

United States District Judge